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## Mavado Leads IRAWMA Nominations

By Street Hype Reporters

**P**opular Jamaican dancehall deejay Mavado is on top with eight nominations for the 28th Annual International Reggae and World Music Awards (IRAWMA).

The awards will be held on Sunday, May 3 at the York College Performing Arts Center, 94-45 Guy R. Brewer Boulevard, Jamaica, Queens.

Other top nominees include Beres Hammond and Elephant Man with seven nominations, Etana and Queen Ifrica each grabbing five nods and Mr. Vegas with four nominations.

Shaggy, Machel Montano, Morgan Heritage, Duane Stephenson, Damian Marley, Stephen Marley, Ziggy Marley, Wyclef Jean, Serani, Jazmine Sullivan, Luciano, Tony Rebel, Tarrus Riley and Stitchie are also among the nominees.

In the "Best Song" category in honor of President Barack Obama the nominees include the Mighty Sparrow "Barack the Magnificent," Cocoa Tea "Barack Obama," Glen Adams "Rise and Shine for Obama," Steel Pulse "Vote Obama" and Lushy Banton "Obama."

Performing live will be Etana and Queen Ifrica, joined by Beenie Man, Cocoa Tea, Mighty Sparrow, Alison Hinds, Tarrus Riley, Dean Fraser, Calypso Rose, Tony Rebel, Gramps Morgan, Lt. Stitchie, Awilo-Soukous Band, Barbee, Mutabaruka, D'Angel, Duane Stephenson and poet, Malachi.

The IRAWMA was conceived as a venue to promote reggae music globally and 28 years later, it's time to take it to the world stage. "I'm looking forward to the day when IRAWMA is televised worldwide," states Ephraim Martin, President of Martin's International and Associates. "And when all world beat music is fully recognized."

"We are very pleased with the response we are now receiving from the Caribbean and the rest of the world, and the respect that IRAWMA has been getting," Morgan noted.

IRAWMA kicks off at 6:00 pm for VIP ticket holders, and 7:30 pm for general admission. The official after party will be at Club Tobago on Liberty Avenue in Jamaica, Queens, and kicks off at 10 pm.

Among the major sponsors of this coveted event include American Airlines, Jamaica Tourist Board, Coca-Cola, Western Union, *Street Hype Newspaper*, Sam's, Caribbean Market Place, Trans Continental Shippers, Keeling Records, One Caribbean Radio, Resource One Mortgage, RAMADA Plaza Hotel-JFK, Hampton Inn- JFK, Wiltshire Limousine, Irie Jam Media, Inc, LinkUp Media and TriFold Graphics and Printing.



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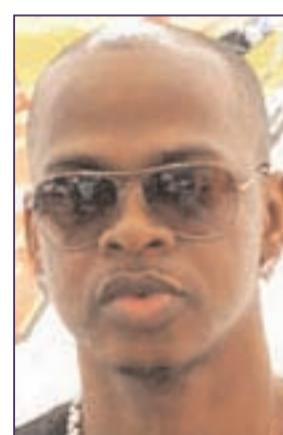
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## EDITORIAL

## Don't boycott Jamaica -- teach respect and tolerance

Jamaica as a souvenir country similar to other countries all over the world and millions of people are strongly opposed to homosexual activities.

From religious, cultural to rigid constitutional laws people are severely punished including the death penalty if the antigay laws are violated.

However, ordinary people continue to take the laws into their hands by attacking and abusing gays both verbally and physically.

In the case of Jamaica, the island's leading entertainers have been known for their antihomosexual lyrics to the disgust of people who are not gays. The songs are not played on the airways and companies including Red Stripe have refused sponsorship of shows that continued to bash gays.

The records will show that

the Government of Jamaica and the police have always exhibited a commitment to protect every citizen including gays.

However, the gay communities are becoming very aggressive and are fighting back.

They were able to significantly block reggae acts including Shabba, Bounti Killa and Buju Banton from performing and selling their records in several big cities of North America and Europe because of their anti-gay lyrics.

The recent launch of a "Boycott Jamaica" campaign in the United States city of San Francisco is another strategy that could seriously affect the Jamaican economy.

The gays are discouraging patronage of the island's exports - particularly Red Stripe. They are also dissuading Americans from holidaying in Jamaica.

Tourism is one of the island's foreign exchange gold mines.

While we are in support of people's rights, I think the gays are taking their protest too far and if they succeed could affect the homosexual population in Jamaica as well.

The poor showing of the Jamaican economy with high unemployment and low productivity is a major contributor to the spiraling crime problem that affects everybody including gay people.

The Jamaica Forum for Lesbians, All-sexual and Gays (JFLAG) also deplored the boycott, particularly because Red Stripe had withdrawn support from entertainers -particularly of the dancehall genre - which promoted violence against gays.

Over the years Jamaicans have been very tolerant of gays to the extent that JFLAG was

established and several well-known prominent figures are gays, yet nobody attacked or abused them.

A boycott of Jamaican products is a cheap and ill-conceived method that is taking advantage of people in a poor, struggling economy.

China, India and the oil-producing countries have more stringent laws against gays, yet we are not hearing a boycott of those countries products.

The gays should consider a boycott of the oil from Saudi Arabia and the wide range of consumer products from China before attacking small fish like Jamaica.

The focus should be on educating people to show respect and tolerance for each other and not to hurt an entire population of people.



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## PEOPLE ARE TALKING !

## When women sleep around, they're considered "Sluts", Why?

My theory is this: Men, by their anatomical makeup, are the ones, sexually, that are doing the giving and women, as well as gays, usually are the ones that are on the receiving end.

The men are the ones that are, usually, doing the penetrating. Moreover, women and gays are the ones in receipt of that which is ejaculated by the men. The men emits/ejects, and the women and gays accepts/receives. It's just that simple. Because of the way that men are built, they are doing the emitting, and not the receiving. This, of course, pertains to heterosexual men. The men are the givers, and the women are the receivers.

Even during oral sex, the men are the ones emitting and the women and gays are the ones, usually, receiving the men's emitted by-product, or waste. The same scenario holds true with regards to anal-sex. The men are, generally, doing the penetrating and emitting; whereas, the women and gays, in most cases, are the ones being penetrated, and the ones that are in receipt of the men's sperm. In essence: the men are the dominant factor, and women and gays are the passive factor, despite the sexual act.

I am not, will not, and would never pass judgment on anyone. I, nor anyone else, should. However, to put it bluntly, women and gays are viewed, by most men, as nothing, but receptacles for men's waste. This is why lesbians are viewed differently, and not as harshly by men and society.

They don't fit into that general mold due to their anatomical make up. Unless it's with the use of a sexual toy, or the use of their fingers, lesbians don't get penetrated by men and, therefore, are not receptacles for their emitted by-product, or waste. Men see lesbians as just girls having harmless fun with each other.

They are not perceived as being dirty

or disgusting, after all, what can they really do with each other? Furthermore, lesbians don't pose a threat to men's "ego," as women and gays do.

Even though it's 2009, men still have a problem with accepting women as their equal counterparts. Men are tolerating the situation because they have no other choice, or very few options. This is why in the bed-

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room, men must feel that they're superior, dominant and in total control.

And fortunately for them, physiology is on their side. Women may control the board room, but not the bedroom. Men

truly, and sincerely, believe that they are physically, psychologically, emotionally and intellectually superior to women.

And they view gays in the same light as they view women. It's unfair, but life often is. It's more of an anatomical and psychology thing. For logic has very little, or nothing, to do with it.

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## NEWS

## Medical Conduct Board Revokes License of Staten Island Internist

The New York State Board for Professional Medical Conduct has revoked the license of a Staten Island internist, prohibiting him from practicing medicine in New York State. The board also assessed a fine of \$50,000.

The State Board determined that Dr. Yury Patin, 54, billed insurance companies for unnecessary and excessive medical tests for seven patients. He also billed for services that were never rendered to the patients.

In the decision, the board found Dr. Patin guilty of negligence on more than one occasion, incompetence on more than one occasion, fraudulent practice, filing false reports, ordering unwarranted tests and/or treatment, practicing the profession with moral unfitness, and failure to maintain records.

The license revocation decision followed a six-day hearing before a hearing committee of the Board for Professional Medical Conduct, comprised of two physicians and a lay person. During the course of the hearing, Dr. Patin and the state had the opportunity to offer evidence and present witnesses.

The Board for Professional Medical Conduct, comprised of some 200 physicians and lay members, is responsible for adjudicating charges of misconduct.

The Board's Determination and Order is available at: [www.nyhealth.gov](http://www.nyhealth.gov).



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**ENVIRONMENTAL SUMMIT:** At Assemblyman William Scarborough's Annual Environmental Summit held at York College to address global warming, brown fields, air quality, water table, sewers, Jamaica Bay parks and wetlands, green projects in NYC (r-l) Assemblyman William Scarborough, Prof. Donald Auriemma, York College Green Initiative Committee Chair Yvonne Reddick, CB 12 Dist Mgr. Adjoa Gzifa, CB 12 Chair and York College Adjunct Prof. Manuel Caughman, Environmental Summit Coordinator and Senior Liaison.

## Brooklyn Man Charged With Dismembering Woman's Body

A Brooklyn man faces murder and criminal possession of a weapon charges in connection with the dismemberment of a woman.

Police say when they responded to a 911 call from 53-year-old Saleh Al-Muwalled Sunday night, they found the dismembered body of a woman inside a Coney Island home.

Police say he told them he had been drinking and killed someone.

Al-Muwalled was then taken into custody and given a psychiatric evaluation.

Family and friends have identified the woman as 27-year-old Jessica Giudici. They say Al-Muwalled is a Livery driver who used to pick her up all the time and may have been infatuated with her. "She was a loving person. She was my best friend. She was her mother's best friend, her backbone. She helped out everyone. She was there for everybody. She hurt no one. She was always laughing. She was loving and giving. She would give you the world if she had it," said Michelle Cooper, a friend of Giudici's. The medical examiner is working to determine the exact cause of death.

## Police Seek ID Of Burned Body In The Bronx

Police are asking for the public's help in trying to identify a badly burned body found last week in the Bronx.

NYPD officials say officers discovered the remains last Tuesday on Tiemann Avenue in Baychester.

They say the victim was a man, but they haven't been able to determine his age or ethnicity.

Police released photos of three tattoos on the body, including one on the chest that shows a red rose with the name Alejandro.

Another found on the upper left arm shows a heart, arrow and cross with the letter "B." One on the upper back shows a skull with the word "cannabis".

A fourth tattoo with the name "archi" was also found on the left wrist.

Anyone with information about the case is being asked to contact Crime Stoppers by calling 1-800-577-TIPS, by texting TIP577 to CRIMES, or by going to [NYPDCrimeStoppers.com](http://NYPDCrimeStoppers.com).

## Mortgage fraud hotline for New York

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## NY Man Accused of Obtaining \$5M in Fraudulent Sale

A Manhattan resident, Mark M. Benun, 35, was arrested recently on a criminal complaint charging him with interstate transportation of a portion of the proceeds from the fraudulent sale for more than \$5 million of a building at 161st Street in the Bronx. Benun was arrested this morning at his Manhattan home by agents of the FBI.

According to the criminal Complaint unsealed in Manhattan federal court: In June 2006, Benun and another individual purchased the commercial property located at 67-79 E. 161st Street for approximately \$9.5 million. Payment was made with \$4.5 million in cash, contributed by Benun's co-purchaser, plus a \$5 million mortgage in favor of the seller to be paid by Benun and his co-purchaser.

Benun and his co-purchaser later obtained an additional \$700,000 mortgage from the seller; Benun additionally obtained a \$2 million loan from a bank, guaranteed by his co-purchaser and secured by a further mortgage on the property. Benun had a 25% interest in the property, and his co-purchaser held the remaining 75%.

In February 2009 Benun, purporting to be the sole owner of the property, sold it for approximately \$5.96 million to another buyer, who paid \$4 million in cash and gave Benun a note for the remaining \$1.96 million. Shortly after the sale Benun sold the note, discounted, for \$1.46 million. To establish his apparent sole ownership of the building, Benun created false satisfactions of the three mortgages on the property, and a fraudulent transfer of ownership of his co-purchaser's 75% interest in the property to him.

Benun persuaded a notary who works across the hall from him to notarize the forgeries, claiming that the individuals whose signatures were on the documents, were stuck in traffic. Funds from the sale were traced to an account in the name of Benun's company, MBM1 Owners LLC. Approximately \$150,000 of those funds have been identified as being wired from MBM1's New York account to accounts out of state.

Benun is charged with one count of interstate transportation of stolen property, which carries a maximum sentence of ten years in prison and a fine of the greater of \$250,000, or twice the gross gain or loss resulting from the crime.

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## NEWS

## Police Officers Charged With Rape in Manhattan

Two police officers surrendered to authorities this morning and have been charged in connection with the alleged rape of a Manhattan woman last December.

Officers Franklin Mata, 27, and Kenneth Marino, 41, have been indicted on charges of rape, burglary, and official misconduct.

Marino faces an additional charge of heroine possession that was allegedly found in his locker.

Their lawyers say they will plead not guilty when they are arraigned this afternoon.

The officers were said to be responding to a 911 call from a taxi driver, who said a woman got sick in his cab and did not have the fare.

Investigators reportedly obtained surveillance footage showing the officers, in uniform, escorting the woman into her East Village home, and then returning to the building two more times -- once for 17 minutes and another time for 34 minutes.

"The investigation further revealed that while in the apartment, Moreno had sexual intercourse with a physically-helpless victim," said Manhattan District Attorney Robert Morgenthau, "as she laid down on her bed having previously vomited multiple times.

Marino was assisted in doing so by his partner Mata." If convicted, they could get up to 25 years in prison.

## Foreclosure Activity Drops in New York

### *Suffolk County Replaced Queens as Hardest Hit County*

The New York State Banking Department and RealtyTrac® released New York county-level foreclosure statistics for the first quarter ending March 31, 2009.

According to RealtyTrac there were foreclosure filings on 11,017 properties in New York during the first quarter, representing a 23% decrease compared to the first quarter of last year and a 32% increase over the previous quarter.

The 23% decrease year over year, compares very favorably to the national 24% increase, demonstrating the success of the state's diverse foreclosure prevention efforts. However, the 32% increase over the previous quarter is well above the national increase of 9%.

One of the primary factors driving the 32% increase in the quarter over quarter comparison was an 80% increase in lis pendens filings, which is one of the first steps in the foreclosure process.

The Banking Department and RealtyTrac were anticipating an increase in lis pendens as a result of the state's new legislation, which went into effect in September 2008, and required a 90-day pre-foreclosure waiting period. The legislation resulted in a sharp decrease in New York foreclosure activity in the fourth quarter of 2008, and the first quarter of 2009 numbers represent a bounce from the fourth quarter lows but are still substantially below year-ago levels.

## Total Infected With Swine Flu Hits 91, Number Expected To Grow

Worldwide the total number of confirmed swine flu cases are 91. In New York City the number of confirmed cases are 51 and that number is expected to grow, the mayor said today, but almost all of the cases are mild and everyone is recovering.

The New York State Health Department has set up a 24-hour, toll-free hotline to answer questions about the illness. The number is 1-800-808-1987.

At St. Francis Prep High School in Fresh Meadows, Queens, Health Commissioner Thomas Frieden says hundreds of students are believed to have symptoms similar to swine flu, but it will not test all of the students, only the ones with severe symptoms.

The school, which will remain closed again tomorrow, is where the first cases were reported last week after a class trip to Mexico. It is the greatest cluster of the illness in the United States.

Frieden says the flu, which has killed more than 150 in Mexico, is relatively mild in the city and is spreading no differently than the typical flu.

Additionally, Mayor Michael Bloomberg said there are five new probable

cases. One of those cases is related to St. Francis.

Two cases are unrelated to the St. Francis community.

Among those is a two-year-old Bronx boy who has been hospitalized. A woman who was hospitalized in Brooklyn is also suspected of having swine flu. Both are now recovering.

Another cluster of the disease is suspected at P.S. 177 on 188th Street, located not far from St. Francis Prep.

According to Bloomberg, 82 students have called in sick, 11 with documented high fever, from the special needs school. One student at the school has two siblings at St. Francis.

The mayor said he would not be surprised if they all tested positive, but it should not matter because none of the cases are severe.

Three adults, including the school's assistant principal, were also sent home. The assistant principal tested negative for swine flu.

"Many of our children don't speak [because they are autistic]," said the school's United Federation of Teachers representative Shernice Blackman. "So if they're not feeling well, teachers are always

watching them for cues of lethargy. It makes it a little bit more difficult. . . Our nurse was on rollerblades yesterday."

Students were sent home with a letter today saying the school would be closed on Wednesday.

The mayor and health commissioner say Ascension School in Manhattan is also being investigated as a swine flu cluster.

During a news conference today, Governor David Paterson and state health officials said they are working to contain the virus and that all cases so far have been mild with quick recovery times.

They stressed people should go about their daily lives. "I would just like to assure all New Yorkers that we are taking every step we can possibly imagine to contain this virus and to keep our public safety foremost in mind," the governor said. "This is not a time for alarm. But it is a time to be alert."

Anyone with possible symptoms is urged to contact medical professionals and restrict contact with others.

Richard Besser, the acting director for the Centers for Disease Control, says as with any widespread virus he fully expects to see deaths.



Rev Timothy Wright

### Markowitz Statement

#### On Death of Rev Timothy Wright

"I am deeply saddened by the passing of Reverend Timothy Wright, the Grammy-nominated 'Godfather of Gospel' who was equally known and beloved in Crown Heights and throughout Brooklyn as the spiritual leader of the Grace Tabernacle Christian Center Church of God in Christ.

The same terrible accident that claimed the lives of Reverend Wright's wife Betty and grandson D.J. last summer, has now silenced another of our bright, shining lights. All of Brooklyn, the Grace Tabernacle Christian Center family and the gospel community mourn Reverend Wright—now of blessed memory—and our prayers are with his loved ones as they carry on his spiritual work and legacy."

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### NEWS BRIEF

#### Jamaican Student Victim of Kidnap In Trinidad

PORT-OF-SPAIN: Police are on the hunt for a 19-year-old Jamaican student who was kidnapped in Trinidad and Tobago over the weekend.

Raymond Miller was reportedly kidnapped in El Socorro, San Juan, Trinidad and Tobago on the weekend. He was apparently kidnapped while awaiting transport at the Piarco International Airport Friday night. Investigations are continuing into Miller's whereabouts.

His father and his girlfriend were robbed at their home and tied up. Police reports state two men have so far been nabbed in connection with the robbery and hostage of 44-year-old Lennox Miller and Stacy-Ann.

#### Protestors in Jamaica burn tires, block roads over tax hike

KINGSTON, Jamaica -- The police have cleared several roadways in parts of Jamaica that were blocked by demonstrators on Tuesday morning in protest against the additional \$8.75 gas tax. Go Jamaica reported that from as early as 6 am on Tuesday protestors used burning tires to block roads.

#### Two senior Guyana officials charged with forgery

GEORGETOWN, Guyana -- Two senior Guyanese officials, the Registrar of the Supreme Court, Sita Ramlall, 58, and the former Deputy Commissioner of Police and Head of the Guyana Defense Force, Norman McLean, were placed in the dock when several charges of forgery were read to them.

#### Guyana's opposition leader flown to New York, condition remains stable

GEORGETOWN, Guyana -- Guyana's opposition leader, 61-year-old Robert Corbin, was flown to New York following the advice of his doctors. *The Stabroek News* reported that his brother Charles said that he will receive direct medical attention from his doctors at a hospital in New York.

#### Cuba to 'expose' US Internet discrimination and prohibition policy

HAVANA, Cuba--Cuba will denounce Washington's discriminatory actions that ban the island's Internet connection and access to public Websites during the World Forum of Telecommunication Policies taking place this week. The forum will hear the Cuban demand for equality in Internet access.

### Caribbean Nations Spend Big On Lobbying Fees

*CaribWorldNews, WASHINGTON, D.C.,*

When it comes to lobbying the U.S. government, several Caribbean nations continue to pay big money to D.C. companies to push their individual agendas, *CaribWorldNews* has ascertained.

As several congressional members and the White House has vowed to clamp down on U.S. financial companies who set up off-shore corporations in Caribbean tax havens, lobbyists are being paid big bucks to 'lobby,' according to the Foreign Agents Registration Act reports, released by the U.S. Justice Department and analyzed by CWNN.

The latest report available for 2008 shows that overall for those Caribbean nations reporting, some two million dollars was spent in lobbying fees for the very first few months of 2008 alone. The Bahamas Government leads the way when it comes to shelling out for lobbyists. The country alone paid US\$1,141,693.75 to CMGRP, Inc., a D.C.-based company, for lobbying and to help develop and execute tourism promotions for the islands. That fee was just for a six-month period ending June 30, 2008.

The Government of the Republic of Trinidad & Tobago followed behind, paying \$650,000.00 for the six-month period ending February 29, 2008 to AGA Group, LLC of D.C. The service request? To contact U.S. Government officials, members of Congress and congressional staffers to discuss restorations of benefits under Article 98, non-NATO member ally status, bilateral trade, military assistance and energy security, according to the FARA Report.

Bermuda spent \$177,678.59 for the six-month period ending April 30, 2008 with Levine & Company of Bethesda, Maryland to "monitor congressional and executive branch activity in the area of investments and tax policy."

The registrant also met with various members of Congress and congressional staffers to discuss Bermuda-U.S. relationship, as well as investment and tax policy legislation, according to the FARA filing.

Bermuda's government also paid Darlene Richeson & Associates, LLC of Woodbine, Maryland, \$53,809.18 for the six-month period ending January 31, 2008 to advocate investment and tax policy and to work to improve relationships between the United States and Bermuda and represent "the foreign principal before Congress."

Barbados, a haven for off-shore financial companies, paid up \$107,070.91 for the six-month period ending February 29, 2008 to another D.C. firm, Berliner Corcoran & Rowe, LLP. That fee was, according to the FARA report, for "the registrant to monitor proposed U.S. legislation targeting tax havens and U.S. responses to the World Trade Organization's decision on Internet gambling."



Miami, FL – April 29, 2009 – CONGRATS ON THE AIRLINE'S 40th ANNIVERSARY - Jamaica's Minister of Tourism Edmund Bartlett greets Air Jamaica's Senior Director, Government & Community Affairs Will Rodgers ahead of the special Thanksgiving Service on Sunday, April 26 to mark the airline's 40th Anniversary at the Christway Baptist Church in Miramar. A capacity-sized congregation including city officials, representatives of the diplomatic corps, members of staff of Air Jamaica and well-wishers were on hand to celebrate the milestone.

### Jamaica and Trinidad on swine flu alert

KINGSTON, Jamaica -- The outbreak of swine flu in Mexico, which caused more than a hundred deaths and has filtered into the United States, has forced Caribbean governments to be on alert.

The Governments of Jamaica and Trinidad have both had meetings with their health officials concerning the issue.

Jamaica's Minister of Health and

Environment Rudyard Spencer, said in Jamaica the ports of entry have been put on alert for travellers arriving from Mexico, US and Canada.

Health Minister Spencer said, "We have put the airport on alert and we are working in collaboration with the Ministry of Tourism to ensure that infected persons do not enter our borders."

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**Club Samba is closed**

The popular Samba Na Brasa Restaurant and Night Club at 42 West Broad Street, Mt. Vernon, officially closed its doors to the public on April 11 after more than a decade of serving Brazilian food and providing various Caribbean and American entertainment.

The owners of Samba could not be reached for comments, however, veteran Jamaican broadcaster and promoter of the Saturday night party, "Carib at Samba," Ken Williams said the building hosting the club will be converted into a supermarket.

"We were providing a good entertainment alternative for the Caribbean and Jamaican people, however, if in the judgment of the owners, it was not giving the best returns on their investment, it could not continue to exist. Business and business," Williams stresses.

Williams, who previously owned and operated the upscale Carib Nite Club at 435 North Avenue, New Rochelle for some 14 years, sold the property almost a year ago and shifted the "Carib" theme to Samba on Saturdays -Carib at Samba. "The club was sold to make way for development plan for the area. After which Samba invited me to the club," he said.

With the "night life" spirit still in his blood and numerous requests from hundreds of his loyal customers, Williams said he may consider opening another entertainment club in the near future. "Things are looking good for the future," he added.

### MTA Board Discusses Budget Crisis

The full Metropolitan Transportation Authority board is meeting last Wednesday, two days after the agency announced its budget deficit has ballooned beyond its \$1.2 billion projection.

It is expected to discuss a second round of fare hikes and service cuts that may need to be implemented later this year.

The MTA is already laying the groundwork for layoffs, sending letters to union leaders about the first round of job cuts. In all, 1,100 transit workers could be given pink slips.

The agency said this week that even after this round of cuts and fare hikes, it will still face a \$621 million deficit this year.

In this first round of layoffs, set for two months from now, the MTA plans to cut 350 bus operators, 100 bus maintainers, and 30 subway station supervisors.



Ken Williams (l) with Delano of Renaissance Disco during the closing night at the club on April 11.

Williams is the owner of the Miss Jamaica USA Beauty Pageant and host of the weekly

Ken Williams Show on WVIP 93.5 FM.

### E-Waste Collection Day -- a Huge Success

Some 280 vehicles unloaded, estimated 15 tons of E-Waste collected Saturday, April 19th, was a smashing success for the first E-Waste Collection Day held in Mount Vernon.

Municipal Lot #1 on South 5th Avenue was a hotbed of activity as a constant stream of vehicles passed through the collection lanes.

Mount Vernon Auxiliary Police were on hand and made sure that traffic flowed smoothly and without confusion as the small army of workers unloaded an estimated 15 tons of E-Waste from the 280 vehicles that came through the parking lot.

Everything from old televisions and computers to air conditioners and freezer chests were safely disposed of.

By the end of the sunny and warm day, an entire 30 yard dumpster and a tractor-trailer were jam-packed with refuse that would ordinarily have been dumped in landfills and potentially contaminated the environment with toxic and harmful materials.

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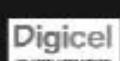
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## SPORTS

## NEWS BRIEF

**Bolt thinks he can lower 100m record to 9.4 seconds**

BOSTON, USA-- Jamaican Usain Bolt has his sights set on smashing his already electrifying 100 meters world record, the triple Olympic champion said on Sunday. "I think I could definitely go faster -- 9.5," Bolt, whose record is 9.69 seconds, told Reuters in an interview. "I think I could go 9.4."

**Flintoff out of West Indies series**

LONDON, England-- England all-rounder Andrew Flintoff is to undergo surgery on his right knee, ruling him out of the upcoming two-test series against the West Indies. Flintoff has returned from South Africa, where he was playing in the Indian Premier League to undergo the surgery.

**Mexico books US friendlies with Venezuela**

NEW YORK, USA-- Mexico, who recently sacked former England manager Sven Goran-Eriksson in the midst of a poor World Cup qualifying campaign, on Thursday announced they would play two US friendlies in June. The Tri-color will use the matches as a tune-up for the regional Gold Cup tournament.

**Trinidad and Tobago to meet Jamaica at night cricket in Florida**

LAUDERHILL, USA--After 15 grueling weeks of highly competitive cricket, the Jamaica and Trinidad and Tobago cricket teams have advanced to the finals of the 2009 Lauderhill International Night Cricket Tournament in South Florida. After the opening ceremonies, champions Jamaica will face Trinidad and Tobago.

**Dyson's West Indies denied after pitch comments**

LEICESTER, England--West Indies' coach John Dyson's criticisms of the Grace Road pitch were not forgotten in a hurry as Leicestershire rejected his request to use the middle for extra practice. Dyson branded the surface substandard after 14 wickets fell on the first day of the West Indies' opening match.

**Obama meets Lara - 'the Michael Jordan of cricket'**

PORT OF SPAIN, Trinidad --West Indies batting legend, Brian Lara, met US President Barack Obama in Trinidad on Sunday shortly before Obama left Port of Spain for Washington. Lara said he was invited by the White House to meet with the president, who described the batting icon as "the Michael Jordan of cricket."

**Cuba Under-17 soccer team to play United States**

HAVANA, Cuba -- Cuba will make its debut against the US team at the North, Central American and the Caribbean Confederation (NORCECA) under-17 world qualifiers, underway in Tijuana, Mexico. This will be the second match of the opening day for the C group, which includes Honduras and Canada.



-Sharon Bennett Photo

**CASH MONEY FOR TEAM JAMAICA BICKLE:**

The HoSang Family Foundation, represented by CEO Vincent HoSang, OD (third right) and COO Sabrina HoSang (fourth left), used the occasion of the Team Jamaica Bickle awards presentation reception at the conclusion of the 2009 Penn Relays in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA, on Saturday evening, April 25, to announce its continued sponsorship of the unique hospitality program for Jamaica's athletes participating in the annual relays. Sharing in the moment are (l-r): Geneive Brown Metzger, Consul General of Jamaica in New York; Senator Ronald Robinson, Minister of State in Foreign Affairs & Foreign Trade; "Olivia 'Babsy' Grange, Minister of Culture, Youth & Sports; Irvine Clare, Sr., Founder & Chair/Team Jamaica Bickle; Barbara Wilson, Chair/Team Jamaica Bickle-Philadelphia; Alston Meade, Honorary Consul/Jamaica in Philadelphia.

**US dominates at Penn Relays as sore leg slows Powell**

US athletes salvaged some pride as they put Olympic errors behind them to dominate the USA v. Rest of the World relay events at the Penn Relays athletics meeting.

The United States won four of the six events - triumphing in both the men's and women's 4x100m and 4x400m races.

There was special happiness for the United States in the 4x100 events, the center of major discontent after both the men's and women's Olympic teams blew baton passes to crash out of the Beijing Olympic Games.

"Main thing was just to get the stick around the track," said Shawn Crawford, the 2004 Olympic 200-meter champion who ran the third leg on this team. Being we are the US on home turf, I felt like this was war.

"We couldn't let anybody else come in here and take the victory from us."

Walter Dix, Travis Padgett, Crawford and Darvis Patton won the 4x100m in 37.92sec, but the anticipated duel with Jamaica evaporated as former 100m world record-holder Asafa Powell, who anchored a world record-setting squad in Beijing, eased up 80m from the finish with a tender left leg he has been nursing this spring.

Dwight Thomas, Michael Frater and Nesta Carter had put Jamaica in second place, but Powell labored home ninth in 41.24sec.

Lauryn Williams, Allyson Felix, Mechelle Lewis and Camelita Jeter won the women's 4x100m in 42.40sec, with Jamaica's Brigitte Foster-Hylton, Sheri-Ann Brooks, Kerron Stewart and Shelly-Ann Fraser second in 42.77.

"We (American men and women) just wanted to forget about '08 and go into '09," said Jeter. "We want it. We're hungry right now."

Team USA also swept the 4x400 relays, while Jamaica set a world best in winning the women's sprint medley relay, and Kenya won the men's distance medley.

Jamaica's Sheri-Ann Brooks,

**Powell, Fraser Added To 2009 Reebok Grand Prix**

By Aubrey L. Campbell, JIS/NY

Jamaican Olympians and sprint stars Asafa Powell and Shelly-Ann Fraser along with Kenyan distance specialist Micah Kogo, along with America's pole vault standout Jenn Stuczynski and top sprinter Allyson Felix, will compete at the 2009 Reebok Grand Prix, organizers announced on Tuesday.

Considered one of the premier outdoor invitational meetings, the Reebok Grand Prix is the fourth stop of the USA Track & Field's Visa Championship Series and will be held at 3:00 pm. on Saturday, May 30, 2009, at the Icahn Stadium on Randall's Island, New York City.

Jamaica's Powell, 26, held the 100-meter world record from June 2005 to May 2008 and has consistently broken the 10 second barrier in competition while running under 9.80 more times than all other sprinters combined. The two-time Olympian won a gold medal and broke the world record in the 4x100m Relay as the anchor of the Jamaican team in Beijing.

Powell's teammate, Shelly-Ann Fraser, became the first Jamaican woman in history to win an Olympic gold medal in the 100 meter dash when she bested her fellow country women at the 2008 Beijing Olympics. Fraser's winning time of 10.78 seconds was a personal best and 0.20 seconds faster than her Jamaican teammates.



## LEGAL ISSUES

### Alien Relative Visa FAQ

#### 1. I am a U.S. Citizen, how do I help my relative become a U.S. Permanent Resident?

As a citizen of the United States, you may help a relative become a lawful permanent resident of the United States by obtaining what is often referred to as a "green card". To do so, you need to sponsor your relative and be able to prove that you have enough income or assets to support your relative(s) when they come to the United States.

You begin the process by filing Form I-130, Petition for Alien Relative. This form establishes the family relationship that exists between you and your relative. Sometimes the I-130 can be filed together with an application for permanent residence (Form I-485, Application to Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status).

#### 2. Which relatives may I petition for?

A U.S. citizen can file a petition for the following relatives: Husband or wife; Children, married or unmarried.

A U.S. citizen who is at least 21 years or older may also petition for the following relatives: Parents; Brothers or sisters.

When you submit your petition, you are required to provide evidence to prove your relationship to the person for whom you are filing.

#### 3. What does the petition do for my relative?

Filing a Form I-130 and proving a qualifying relationship gives your relative a place in line with others waiting to immigrate from the same country or region based on the same type of relationship. When your relative reaches the front of the line, he or she may be eligible to immigrate after passing the required background checks and meeting the requirements for admission.

For example: You file a petition for your unmarried son over 21 years of age. If USCIS approves it, your petition gives him a place in line with people from the same country category who are also unmarried sons or daughters over the age of 21 of U.S. citizens.

Your relative's place in line will be based on the date you file your petition. So there is an advantage to filing as soon as possible. There is no waiting period for immediate relatives of U.S. citizens, which include a U.S. citizen's spouse, parent, or unmarried child under 21 years of age.

#### 4. What about my relative's family?

In most cases, when your relative reaches the front of the line, your relative's spouse and unmarried children under 21 years of age can join him or her by also applying for an immigrant visa. (If the family member is already in the United States, he or she may

be able to file a Form I-485 application to adjust status based on the relative's approved visa petition).

For example: You file a petition for your married daughter. You cannot directly petition for her husband and children. However, when your daughter's place in line allows her to apply for a green card, her husband and children can apply for immigrant visas at the same time with your daughter.

As a U.S. citizen, you must file a separate petition for each one of your direct relatives, including your own children.

For example: To sponsor your mother and father, file a separate petition for each. If they have other children - your brothers and sisters - file a separate petition for each of them. Visas are immediately available for mothers and fathers of U.S. citizens, but visas are not immediately available for brothers and sisters of U.S. citizens; therefore, they will have to wait for visa availability.

For example: You marry someone with a child. The child will usually qualify as your stepchild if he or she was unmarried and under 18 years of age at the time of your marriage. In this example, you are required to file two petitions: one petition for your wife and another for the child.

#### 5. After I file, how long will it take before my relative can immigrate?

The law gives special consideration to immediate relatives of U.S. citizens, which includes a U.S. citizen's spouse, unmarried children under 21 years of age, and parents.

There is no waiting list to immigrate these relatives.

The U.S. Department of State will invite them to apply for an immigrant visa as soon as USCIS approves your I-130 petition.

If your petition has been approved, and your relatives are currently in the United States after making a legal entry (and they meet certain other requirements), they may be able to file applications with USCIS to adjust to permanent resident status.

For other relatives, the combination of high demand and the limits set by law on how many people can immigrate each year means your relative may have to wait several years "in line" while petitions that were filed before theirs are processed. When your relative reaches the "front of the line", the U.S. Department of State contacts your relative and invites him or her to apply for an immigrant visa.

Current wait times for visa categories are available under "Visa Bulletins" on the State Department's website at [www.travel.state.gov/visa](http://www.travel.state.gov/visa).

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### Usain Bolt survives car crash

OLYMPIC sprint sensation Usain Bolt has survived a car accident in Jamaica which was caused because the world record-holder was going too fast.

Police Sgt David Sheriff said Bolt and his female passenger were taken to a hospital in Spanish Town but neither was seriously injured.

Sheriff said Bolt was speeding on a rain-slicked highway when he lost control of the BMW M3 and it went off the road.

Bolt's manager, Norman Peart, said the runner sustained nothing worse than scratches from thorn bushes when he stepped out of the car on the side of the road.

"We are very relieved he's okay," Peart said. "Everybody is fine." Bolt won the 100m and 200m at the Beijing

Olympics and was part of the Jamaica team that won the 4x100 relay.

All three races were won in world record times.

Meanwhile, Bolt will compete in the 100m at a meeting in Ostrava, Czech Republic on June 17.

"Our dream is that he will have a go at the world record (9.69sec)," event director Jan Zelezny, the former Javelin Olympic champion told a press conference on Wednesday.

Bolt, 22, has competed at Ostrava twice, in 2006 and 2008, winning last year's 200m in 19.83sec.

The Ostrava event hopes to become part of the Diamond League, a series of 12 athletics meetings that will replace the Golden League.

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# ENTERTAINMENT

## Leroy Sibbles For Mother's Day NY Performance

Veteran reggae legend Leroy Sibbles, lead singer of the Heptones, will make the trek to New York on Sunday, May 10, 2009 to celebrate Mother's Day 2009 in pomp and style at Marcus Hall, 219-19 Linden Blvd, Queens.

The highly anticipated celebration is expected to attract legions of diehard fans and tastemakers from the tri-state area.

Event coordinator David "Fat Forward" Warren of WB radio was beaming with confidence



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when he spoke to *Street Hype* newspaper. "Leroy is a great singer and an extraordinary bass player. Mothers are in for a treat when he graces the stage for what will surely be a memorable per-

formance," Warren said.

Sibbles is expected to have his way with fans when he croons vintage hits "Fatty Fatty," "Love Don't Come Easy" and "Party Time."

## Kahnami's Fashion Show for May 10

Morvia Williams of Kahnami Creations presents a fashion show on May 10th at the Greentree Country Club, 538 Davenport Avenue, New Rochelle, NY at 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Showtime 1:00pm, fashion, live jazz and Reggae Jazz infusion dancers. More Mix and Mingle. Please contact 718-232-2122.

## Marley's 'One Love' tops Jamaica's best song list

Reggae legend Bob Marley's "One Love" topped a list of Jamaica's 100 best songs over 50 years that was unveiled on Tuesday by a panel of musicians and cultural officials associated with the University of the West Indies.

Marley, whose mastery of reggae made him an international superstar, had nine selections in the top 100 and two in the top 10, with "Simmer Down" landing at No. 9. His popular "No Woman No Cry" was picked No. 12 and "Redemption Song" No. 14.

"One Love" recorded the highest score, 726 points, well ahead of the 540 points given to the second place song, "O Carolina," which was originally recorded by the Folkes Brothers and redone by internationally acclaimed artist Shaggy.

The University's Department of Government said it has received a mixed response to the list, which it expected. Many critics have said more songs from the last decade should have been included among the records released from 1957 to 2007. "People have said to me that they wanted more of the deejay and dancehall songs included, but like



in everything else, you can't please everybody," Wayne Chen told a university symposium announcing the list.

"I would have loved to see some more dub music, because I am a fan of dub, but that did not happen," he said.

The panel was headed by former Finance and Planning Minister Omar Davies and included businessman Chen, musicologist Vaughn "Bunny" Goodison, Frankie Campbell, who heads the popular Fab Five band, broadcaster Francois St. Juste, journalist Basil Walters and musician Sly Dunbar of the band Sly and Robbie fame. A limited number of members of the public were also allowed to vote.

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**Sean Paul**  
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## Vybz Cartel Banned From Guyana

Jamaican deejay Vybz Kartel has been barred from performing at a show in Grenville, St. Andrews, in Grenada scheduled for May 2. The event was to mark the official launch of his Daggerin Condoms in the Island. His work permit was denied because his songs were lewd and violent.

The recent ban brings to three the number of local deejays who have been banned from performing in neighboring islands. Last April, Bounty Killer and Mavado, were banned from entering Guyana. The country's Home Affairs Ministry said they were blacklisted because of their lyrics, which posed a security risk.

## Doors Close For JVC Jazz Festival New York

The doors have closed for the JVC Jazz Festival New York. A spokesman for the Japanese electronics company said it would not be sponsoring any jazz events in 2009, ending what he called "a productive and successful relationship" dating back to 1984 when JVC first attached its name to the New York festival.

## Buju Banton Views On Bob Marley

Buju Banton has expressed the view that Bob Marley is not the greatest Jamaican musician and that this fixation on the reggae icon has hurt the growth of the music.

This is what he had to say at the launch of his *Rasta Got Soul* album. "I want Jamaican music to be seen not through the pretext of some man that died 20 years ago, but as a pretext of a 'living being, working earnestly. If man cannot do what others have done in these times we might as well die,' " "You know they say that the greatest musician in Jamaica is Bob Marley."

## Sean Paul Releases New Single

VP/Atlantic recording artist Sean Paul is set to unveil his first new music in over three years. A new track, entitled "So Fine," premiered April 25th on the Grammy-winning superstar's own [allseanpaul.com](http://allseanpaul.com). The track will make its radio debut

on all formats Friday, May 1st. "So Fine," produced by Stephen "Di Genius" McGregor, heralds the upcoming release of Sean's highly anticipated fourth album, *IMPERIAL BLAZE*. The official release for the album has an August date.

## Aidonia To Tour The Us

Popular dancehall deejay Aidonia is slated to be in New York May 8th -16th at various locations.

In late March, Aidonia returned from a month long tour of Europe and will embark on another this summer. The tour will commence in August until September 2009. The savvy lyricist, now working assiduously in the studio, has hinted at the release of his highly anticipated debut album in the coming months.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesdays- Irie Jam Lounge Up Close And Personal at Clippers II Lounge, 234-36 Merrick Blvd Queens NY - Live Broadcast On 93.5 FM.

Wednesdays-Waah Gwan at Rose Garden, 4224 Church Ave. @ 42nd St, Brooklyn Music by Steelie Bashment and Special Guest Sound Each Week From Jamaica and US.

Sun, May 10th ~ WB Radio 93.5 & Culture Jam Presents A Mothers Day Affair W/ Leroy Heptone Sibbles - Marcus Hall, 219 Linden Blvd, Queens, NY - Adm \$30

Sun, May 24th - Best Of The Best Miami - Bicentennial Park, Miami Fl - Performances By Capleton, Beenie Man, T-Pain, Bounty Kiler, Elephant Man, Wayne Wonder, Serani, Ce'cile, Flippa Mafia And Many More.

Mon, May 25th ~ Irie Jam & Asylum Presents Celebrity Soccer Match - 10th Anniversary - Roy Wilkins Park, Queens, NY - Gates Open At 12noon

Thur, May 28th-Gregory Isaacs At BB King's - 237 W 42nd Street, NY. Adm: \$22.50/\$25.00 Day Of Show.

Sat, May 30th ~ REEBOK GRAND PRIX at ICAHN STADIUM, Randall's Island, NY.

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**BUSINESS MEETING:** Ronald Robinson, Jamaican Minister of State in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade (4th left) and Geneive Brown Metzger, Jamaican Consul General, NY rap with Jamaican Business owners (l-r) Patrick Maitland, Street Hype's publisher, Carlyle McKetty, general manager, TSO, Donald Vernon, attorney-at-law, Tony Bent, Lloyd, co-owner, Pimento Caribbean Restaurant, Sharon Gordon, Director, TSO Production Garth Cole, CEO, Pimento Caribbean Restaurant. The meeting was held on April 20 in Manhattan.

(l-r) Pauline Fairclough - CEO and master stylist of New Beginning Beauty Salon; Jamaican State Minister, Ronald Robinson; and Stephaney Finley, Advertising Director, Street Hype Newspaper chat with the minister after a private business luncheon at the Consul General's Office, NY.

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# Brooklyn Food Conference for May 2

## BROOKLYN, NY:

Food activists, local farmers, health advocates, academics, union leaders, elected officials and restaurateurs will gather on Saturday, May 2, 2009 at P.S. 321 and at John Jay High School, 7th Avenue in Park Slope for the Brooklyn Food Conference.

The Brooklyn Food Conference aims to increase awareness and education around food issues and establish a Brooklyn Food Coalition that will develop a Legislative Food Agenda.

A town hall event will give participants the opportunity to testify in front of the elected officials expected to attend. The conference is entirely volunteer driven – from event planning to fund raising and community outreach.

A team of over 300 volunteers has been planning the conference for 7 months, and 2,000 participants are expected to attend. More than 75 organizations, including non-profit and com-

munity organizations, schools, elected officials and local businesses are partners in this effort.

There will be a full program of workshops and activities for children. "We hope to change our food system on local, state and federal levels so that all people have access to healthy food, and to ensure consumers and workers are treated with fairness and justice," said Nancy Romer, the conference's General Coordinator. "This conference is the official beginning of our collective efforts."

Co-sponsors for the conference include: The Park Slope Food Co-op; Caribbean Women's Health Association; World Hunger Year; Brooklyn Rescue Mission; and Brooklyn's Bounty. The conference is generously hosted by the administrators, teachers, students and parents of John Jay High School and P.S. 321.

To register and for more information, visit [brooklynfoodconference.org](http://brooklynfoodconference.org).



**GOLDEN GLORY.** Jamaica's quarter of (l-r); Rosemarie Whyte (200 m); Moya Thompson (400 m); SheriAnn Brooks (200 m) and Kenia Sinclair (800 m); combined for the only win by the national senior team at last weekend's Penn Relays Carnival in Track & Field Athletics in Philadelphia. The 3:34.56 clocking is the best by a national team so far this year.

# THE MATH CLUB UPDATES



## WHO WILL BE THE BLACK LEADERS OF TOMORROW?

### Our Children Need Help

by Jeffrey Blake  
President, The Math Club

Since 1992, I have been tutoring children both in my home and the homes of children.

I provide this service for pay and also for free. Simultaneously, I also provide my service as a soccer coach through the Bronx Soccer Youth League (BYSL).

So for roughly seventeen years, I have been working with children in New York City. Before that, I have spent many years in Jamaica leading youth clubs, soccer teams and tutoring children.

However, with all those years of experience working with children, I think we are seeing the worst fashion of dress that is being worn by our children – both boys and girls. This is the wearing of supersize trousers below the butt, and dragging on the ground.

We all understand that it is an exhibition of the style of clothing in prison. When prisoners are given clothing there is no time to select the right size, and they are not given any belt to hold the trousers to their waists. So parents, why are you allowing your children to dress in this manner and go on the streets, and worst go to school. Principals, why do you allow children to come in the schools dressed in this fashion.

In my opinion, it is very clear that within a vast majority of the communities the education system in New

York City is not designed to cultivate young, bright, decent children who will be the leaders of tomorrow.

What I see is a multitude up of unintelligent, ignorant generation of children that are lining up to go to prison.

There is a direct relationship between the dropout rate and the amount of prisons being built upstate, and also the jobs creation in the corrections system.

Parents, please open your eyes. When your children are dressed like this they won't learn. Then you are an active participant in sending your children to prison. Parents, you work the money, do not allow your children to convince you to buy these clothes.

For the young adults who earn their own money, I am appealing to you. Stop wearing this clothing – you look very indecent and sloppy. Our communities are already in bad shape. Your indecent dressing only makes us much worse.

Then there are the grown men, in their forties and fifties, they look real stupid with their trousers below their butts. Their gray hairs did not bring any wisdom for them.

I am reaching out to all the community activists, parents, teachers, pastors, radio announcers. We are slowly destroying ourselves by drugs, violence, alcohol and now by the clothes we wear.

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## Focus On A Special Teacher - Michael Samuels

*I have come to a frightening conclusion. I am the decisive element in the classroom. It is my personal approach that creates the climate. It is my daily mood that makes the weather. As a teacher I possess tremendous power to make a child's life miserable or joyous. I can be a tool of torture or an instrument of inspiration. I can humiliate or humor, hurt or heal. In all situations, it is my response that decides whether crises will be escalated or de-escalated and a child humanized or de-humanized." From: Teacher and Child by Dr Hiam Ginott.*

Michael Samuels is a teacher who knows this well. He is a math teacher at KAPPA middle school in the Bronx. Mr. Samuels has been a New York City teacher for the past three years and during this short stint he has seen tremendous successes in students under his tutelage.

Prior to teaching at KAPPA, Mr. Samuels taught at Frederick Douglass Academy IV in Brooklyn. During his tenure at FDA IV he worked closely with the 6th grade math teacher to put together a two-year plan to prepare students for the math regents exam.

This plan worked well as the school was able to register its first group of 7th graders to do the Math A Regents examination. The students all performed remarkably well. Two of his former students were successful at the Specialized High School Examination. He believes that if a student demonstrates the ability to do a particular task in whatever subject area then that student should not be thwarted. That skill and ability should be harnessed for the benefit of the child.

Mr. Samuels is a career



MICHAEL SAMUELS

changer. After having worked in the financial sector for some years, he decided that he should pursue his original calling. He wanted to influence and challenge our youths to great things. Teaching afford him this opportunity. He finds his job rewarding and will not trade it for anything. He feels a great sense of joy when his students do well and make great strides.

Mr. Samuels, an immigrant

from Jamaica, brings with him the attitude of hard work and dedication inculcated in him from his school days in Jamaica and how much he was challenged to do academically well by his teachers. He believes that hard work leads to success and therefore he challenges his students.

At KAPPA, Samuels is no less dedicated to his job. One of his students was placed in the top ten of the Martin Luther King Math Competition. Mr. Samuels is quick to say that it's a team effort and credits his students for living up to the challenge and reaching for the stars.

He pledges to continue working hard with his students.

Michael Samuels attended Rusea's High School in Jamaica. He is a graduate of the University of the West Indies and received his Master Degree in Education at Mercy College.

As Dr. Hiam Ginott suggested in the opening quote, a teacher has great power. Michael Samuels is one such teacher who strives to use this power to benefit our youths.

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First Place Winners of the Mathematics Competition (In front)- Brandon Hall; (Second l-r) - Denzel Howden, Swedin Peart, Sophia Stephenson, Kiana Haye; (Back l-r) Sashni-Cole Matthews, Jerel Johnson and Bianca Campbell. Missing from photo- Frantz Lewis-Charles.

#### ITES MAN IS DEAD

For those Jamaicans who are familiar with the Southside and Tel Aviv communities of Central Kingston, I am sadly bringing to your attention that Ites Man is dead. He died suddenly of a heart attack recently. I am not fully aware of any other details surrounding his death.

Ites Man was a solid rock in these communities. Just a Rastaman with no guns, violence or "donship", he commands the respect of young and old alike. Anything that has to do with the organization of youths into youth clubs or starting football

teams or competitions, you can be sure the Ites Man was a leader in that. He was a genuine youth leader.

What is more astonishing about this gentleman is the amount of years he has been doing this service to direct youths in a positive direction. Ites Man must have been doing what he does for more than forty years. And who pays him?



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By Dr. Karen Gordon

**SUICIDE PREVENTION  
AND OUR YOUTH**

Suicide is the second or third leading cause of death for teens in the United States, depending on the state or county in which they reside. Western states have the highest incidence of suicide. In the most recently available statistics, Alaska had the highest suicide rate and Hawaii the lowest for the age group of 15- to 24-year-olds.

The incidence of suicide has remained relatively constant for the high school population over the years. A survey completed by the Center for Disease Control (CDC) in 2007 showed that 28.5% of the 15,000 students surveyed nationwide, reported feeling sad or hopeless, 11.3% had made a suicide plan, and 6.9% had made a suicide attempt within the last year (parents and other adults often have no idea that a child has made an attempt).

The latest available information for the middle school population indicates that the suicide rate has increased by approximately 100% in the last decade, especially death by hanging.

Although the CDC's results indicate that large numbers of youth are at risk, it is extremely difficult to identify specific individuals. Cultural, gender, and developmental factors are all important in determining risk. The following include common markers of increased suicide risk:

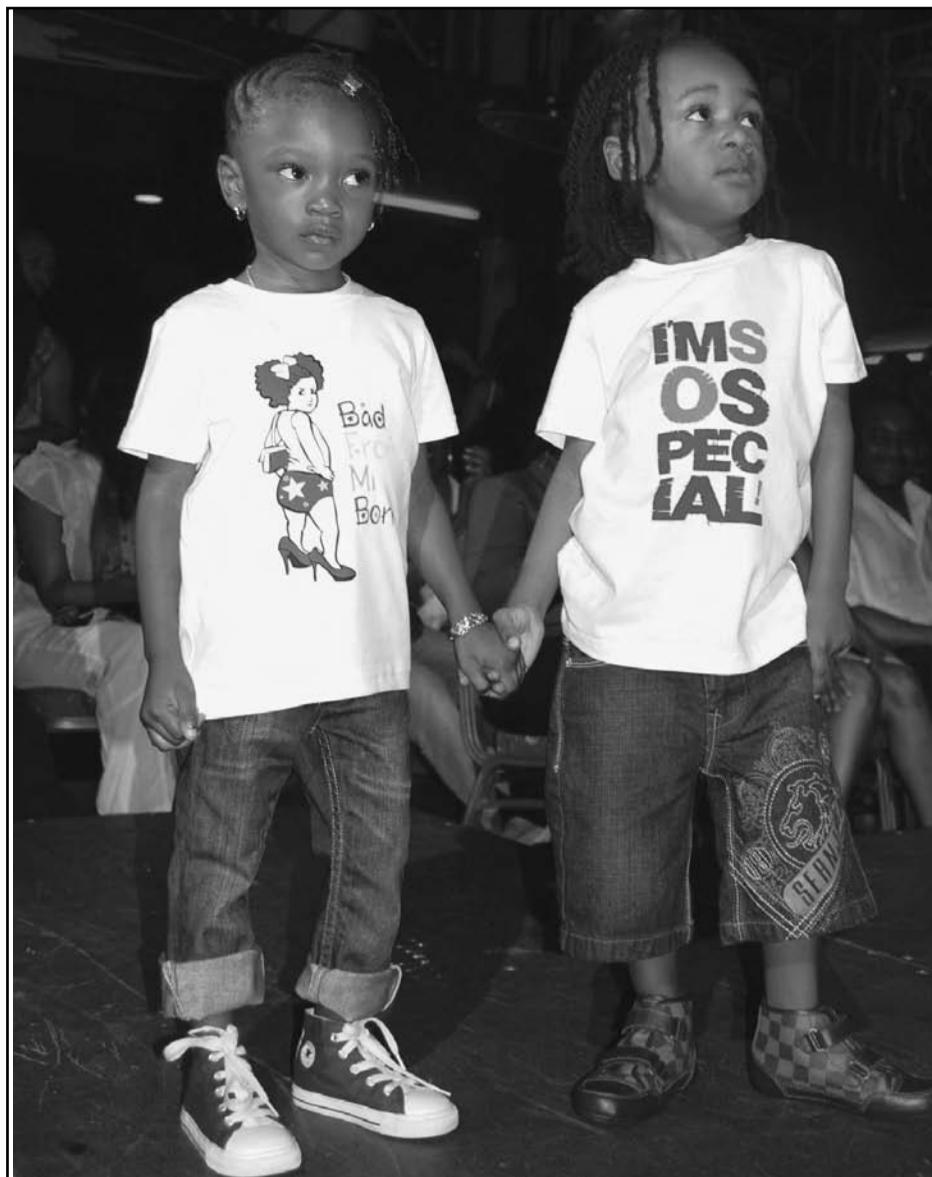
- Childhood maltreatment; Problematic family relations; Peer problems;
- Socioeconomic problems;
- Family history of suicide; History of bullying and victimization; Parental psychopathology; and Legal and/or discipline problems.

It is important for parents to recognize warning signs ahead of time so that kids who might be suicidal can get the help they need. Keep a close eye on a teen who seems depressed and withdrawn. Poor grades, for example, may signal that your teen is withdrawing at school.

It is also crucial to keep lines of communication open and express your concern, support, and love. If your teen confides in you, show that you take those concerns seriously. A fight with a friend might not seem like a big deal to you in the larger scheme of things, but for a teen it can be overwhelming and intense. It is important not to minimize or ignore what your teen is going through, as this can increase his or her sense of hopelessness.

If your teen doesn't feel comfortable talking with you, suggest a more neutral person, such as another relative, a clergy member, a mental health specialist, a school counselor, or your child's doctor.

*Dr. Karen Gordon is a child psychotherapist with over ten years experience working with children and families. Her agency, Citywide Child and Family Services, Inc., offers therapy services, referrals and resources for families. All questions should be forwarded to nyckids@gmail.com.*


**CARIBBEAN FASHION:**

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**Comrie Applauds  
Resignation Of  
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New York City Council Deputy Majority Leader Leroy Comrie (D-27th District) issued the following statement today regarding the announcement that Dr. John Murphy has resigned as principal of Middle School 8, Jamaica:

"I am delighted that Dr. Murphy has chosen to remove himself from this situation so that this school and this community can move forward with its primary mission, which is focusing on the education of our children. The last few months of controversy - a result of Dr. Murphy's unprofessional reign of intimidation and disrespect - has taken away from the real work of preparing the students of Middle School 8 for the future."

"I want to applaud the parents, administration and faculty of Middle School 8 for showing tremendous courage and fortitude in coming forth publicly to make the community aware of what was going on. Additionally, I also want to personally thank Rev. Charles Norris and Jamaica NAACP president Leroy Gadsen for their leadership during this turmoil. It was my privilege to join all of them at the numerous rallies and community meetings that were organized to protest Dr. Murphy's behavior and call for his removal."

"The entire community must applaud the courage of Nyasia Johnson, the dedicated teacher's aide who was so verbally abused by Dr. Murphy last month that it resulted in her hospitalization. It is my hope that she can now return to Middle School 8 and be compensated for the personal upheaval her family and she had to endure."

## COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY

**"911"**  
**Cybercrime Site**

McAfee has launched a new Web site designed to help cybercrime victims recover from hacker attacks.

The company bills its Cybercrime Response Unit as a kind of "online 911" where consumers and small business owners can figure out whether they've been hacked, and to take the first steps to connect with law enforcement once they know a crime has been committed.

The site helps victims triage any common computer problems. For example, it can tell them what to do if they've opened an attachment that they now think may have been malicious, or if they're worried that their child may be talking to a predator online.

Complaints about Internet-related crime spiked 33 percent last year, according to the U.S. Federal Bureau of Investigation's (FBI's) Internet Crime Complaint Center.

In the U.S., state, local and federal authorities, including the FBI or the U.S. Secret Service, can prosecute online crimes and victims are often unsure what to do after they've been victimized.

According to McAfee, many victims don't even know they have been exploited, so it is providing an online scanner that checks a computer for signs of malicious use (it currently only works with Internet Explorer).

Give it a spin for yourself, here: [http://www.mcafee.com/us/about/corporate/fight\\_cybercrime/cru/risk.html](http://www.mcafee.com/us/about/corporate/fight_cybercrime/cru/risk.html)

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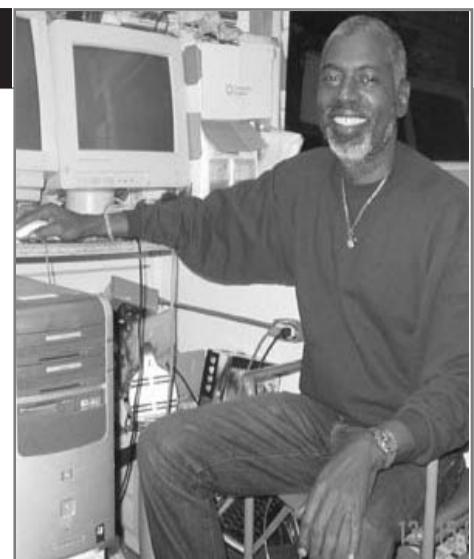
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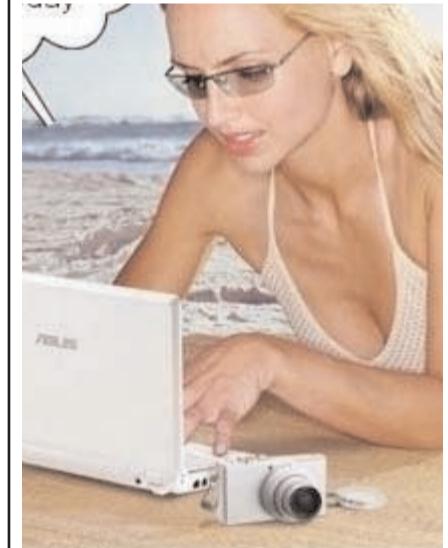
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## LIFESTYLE

## Keeping the Romance Alive

"Romance does not just happen... it is a state of mind, not a single action or event. It is an attitude of love, tenderness, and preference that needs to be daily reinforced."

Many men and women wonder, "How can I be more romantic?" It is as if we expect an easy answer, or hidden key that will instantly transform each of us into Will Smith or Halle Berry.

The truth is that romance does not just happen. Real-life relationships are not a string of magical moments, like the scenes in the movies. Romance isn't something saved for Valentine's Day, your anniversary, or your beloved's birthday.

If you truly want to become a romantic, you have to remember romance is a state of mind, not a single action or event. It is an attitude of love, tenderness, and preference that needs to be daily reinforced.

Here are two quick little ways you can creatively express your love and commitment to your significant other every day:

### Everlasting Bouquet and Sweets to the Sweet

Make a small habit your personal expression of "I love you." It might be his favorite candy or her favorite flowers. Bringing flowers home is often reserved for apologizing after a fight. Make flowers a continual sign of your love for your significant other! Pick wildflowers, pull a magnolia bloom or clip a rose.

Give her one flower every other day to create a bouquet that lasts forever! Mix the flowers up for different seasons or to show your feelings as the days go on. Does he have a favorite candy? Carry butterscotches or peppermints, chocolate, whatever he really likes. Leave them on his pillow, in his pocket, on his desk.

### To my honey,"

Another small gift that carries great meaning is a love note. There is something warm and wonderful about seeing your loved one's handwriting. Leave little notes for your significant other to find. Be creative in your hiding places -- jacket pockets, inside books or magazines, in their lunch bag. Write simple notes, how much you miss them while they're away at work or school, how much they bring to your

life, or just a note to say "I love you."

Being romantic isn't just something you should reserve for certain times of the year. Daily practice of your romantic skills will have long-lasting benefits in your relationships, life, happiness, and family.



### Finding the Perfect Mate

Do you feel as though you've dated bits and pieces of your ideal mate? Like the scientist out of Frankenstein, you've wanted to put together all of the good qualities of former boyfriends or girlfriends.

Or are you unsure of what exactly you want? "I'll know Mr. Right when I see him." One hundred boyfriends later, you're still searching.

In casual dating relationships, people tend focus on finding someone who will make them laugh, who is fun to be with and/or highly physically attractive. While these characteristics are important, they are not an adequate foundation for building a life together. Compatible goals for life, financial perspectives, spiritual outlooks, and emotional maturity are essential in maintaining a committed, lifelong relationship.

No one is perfect and you can't expect to change someone, just as you would not want him or her to change you. How can you know if someone is right for you for the long haul? A good way to begin is by evaluating five general areas of compatibility: emotional, spiritual, intellectual, physical, and financial. Objectively, honestly assess yourself in these areas, as well as what you expect or desire from a future spouse.

## ADVICE COLUMN

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### Couples Learn Divorce

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Dear Divine Diva:

After reading the letter from "Married? In Mount Vernon," who found to her dismay that her husband was still married to his first wife, I thought I should write. It happens more than people would like to think. I have worked for more than 15 years on a divorce court staff, and I would advise all divorced people -- male and female -- to request a certified copy of their divorce decree. This official document is available from the courthouse in which they were divorced.

I know of at least two instances where the lawyers failed to submit the decree of divorce to the judge. It was only discovered more than a decade later. In the first instance, as part of the property settlement, the husband was going to buy out his ex-wife's interest in the former marital home. The provision was triggered by the youngest child turning 18.

The mortgage company needed a copy of the divorce decree to refinance the mortgage. Surprise, both the husband and wife had remarried! They had to go

through another divorce proceeding. (It was probably more amicable than the first.) But they were humiliated, not to mention furious at the attorney.

Then they had to "remarry" their current spouses. The second incident was very sad. The parties' son was killed in an accident. In the process of filing a wrongful death action, a copy of their divorce decree was needed. That's when they learned their case had been dismissed for "failure to prosecute." Again, the attorney had not filed the judgment, even though the parties had appeared in court and testified.

If you got a divorce and do not have a certified copy of their divorce decree, get one now. Having a copy of the decree is the cheapest insurance they'll ever get. --Concerned Reporter, New Rochelle N.Y.

Dear Concerned Reporter:

I'm sure your letter will raise some eyebrows, but you have offered some good advice, and I hope my readers will pay attention to it. -- Always Divine Diva.

### Long Dread Locks Makes Him A Target Of Ridicule

Dear Divine Diva:

There is a fifth-grader in the school my children also attend. The parents refuse to allow their son to get his Dread Locks cut, and it has caused him to withdraw from sports at school. He told some of his friends that he would like to get his locks cut because kids are calling him a girl. He's afraid to let his parents know about the teasing, some of the adults are afraid to talk to them.

I believe this to be a form of child abuse. The boy's parents read your col-

umn in the local paper. The name-calling is bound to get worse as he gets older.

-- Parent, Bronx

Dear Parent:

Surely the parents love their son. Sometimes children are reluctant to confide to their parents that they're being teased because they are too ashamed. The boy's teacher or the principal should speak to his parents. However, if they are too intimidated to raise the subject, then you should. -- Always Divine Diva

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Each 3 by 3 subsection of the 9 by 9 square must include all digits 1 through 9.

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## HEALTH AND NUTRITION

**Swine Flu Q and A** By Bina Venkataraman, Globe Correspondent**Q. How do people catch the swine flu?**

A. Public health officials believe the swine influenza A (H1N1) virus is spreading the way that the seasonal flu spreads every year -- when people infected with the flu cough or sneeze and others breathe in airborne droplets containing the virus. People may also be getting swine flu from touching surfaces such as doorknobs contaminated with the virus and then touching their face or mouth. Infected people can spread the flu before they have symptoms, as well as while they are sick.

**Q. How can I protect myself and my family from swine flu?**

A. Wash your hands frequently with soap and water. Also, you should get plenty of sleep, exercise, manage your stress, eat healthy food, and drink plenty of water. Avoid close interactions with people who are sick and try not to touch surfaces that could be contaminated with the virus. Avoid touching your nose, eyes, or mouth.

**Q. Does hand sanitizer work if I can't wash my hands?**

A. Doctors advise using sanitizing wipes and alcohol-based gels when you do not have access to soap, water, and a sink. If you use a gel, rub your hands until it dries. It's preferable to wash your hands.

**Q. Should I wear a mask to keep from catching or spreading swine flu?**

A. Officials are not recommending that people wear a mask in public places in the United States at this time. Medical professionals treating people suspected to have swine flu are

being advised to take the usual precautions for treating people with infectious diseases, including wearing surgical masks.

**Q. What are the symptoms of swine flu?**

A. They are similar to symptoms of the regular seasonal flu, and include fever, cough, sore throat, body aches, headaches, chills, and fatigue. Some people who have gotten the swine flu have had diarrhea, nausea, and vomiting.

**Q. What should I do if I get sick?**

A. If you are sick with flu symptoms, stay home from work or school and limit contact with others. Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze and wash your hands after each time you cough or sneeze. If you are sick and have traveled to or live in areas where swine flu cases have been identified, you may want to contact your primary care provider for advice about possible treatment or testing. Two anti-viral drugs, Tamiflu and Relenza, can reduce the severity and duration of illness from swine flu only if taken within two days of symptoms appearing.

**Q. What is the test for swine flu, and how long does it take to get the results?**

A. A sample from your throat or material that you cough up can be taken by a doctor, and then submitted for initial genetic fingerprinting to a state laboratory, a test that takes 2 to 4 hours. If this test rules out more routine flu strains, the sample is sent for more detailed analysis by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta to see whether it matches the new swine flu strain. To expedite testing, federal authorities are preparing to send state

labs kits to test specifically for swine flu.

**Q. How sick can people get from swine flu?**

A. More than 100 deaths associated with swine flu have been reported in Mexico, while most of the people diagnosed with this new strain in the United States have had milder cases. Because the overall number of people infected with the virus is unknown, public health officials do not yet know what percentage of infected people will become seriously ill or die.

**Q. Is there a vaccine?**

A. No vaccine exists to protect humans from the current swine flu, but the federal government is taking initial steps to prepare for potential production of a swine flu vaccine. The seasonal flu vaccine available this year is not believed to be effective at warding off swine flu, and it's unlikely that people vaccinated against the 1976 swine flu strain are protected against this new strain.

**Q. Is it safe to eat pork?**

A. Yes, as long as it is properly cooked and handled. You cannot get swine flu from eating pork products.

**Q. Can my dog or cat catch swine flu?**

A. At this point, it's unlikely. But viruses can change and veterinarians warn that transmission to pets could occur at some point.

**Sources:** US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and medical professionals. For more information, visit the CDC swine flu website, or the World Health Organization's website.

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## Top Ways to Raise Small Business Startup Financing

By Robert Moment

**S**tarting your own business takes cash. Sometimes, it takes lots and lots of cash. For many would be business owners this need for startup money feels like an insurmountable hurdle. The good news is that there's no reason to let the need for cash derail your business before it gets started. These tips and resources are here to get you started.

### Start Locally.

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) [www.sba.gov](http://www.sba.gov) – offers many loan opportunities for start up businesses. Among your options are loan programs such as the 7 (a) Loan Guarantee Program which provides loans through banks whereby the SBA acts as the guarantor. There is also the Micro loan program for loans up to \$35,000. For these loans the borrower goes through intermediaries, nonprofits that are not banks. Micro lenders also get funding from foundations and corporations, and are more likely to loan money to start-ups than banks are. The SBA has a new loans program called Patriot Express, for veterans, military members, their spouses, and others. Loans are available up to \$500,000. Check with your local SBA office or SBA website ([www.sba.gov](http://www.sba.gov)) and find a list of banks where you can apply.

### Outside investments.

Venture capital firms, companies whose business model is to profit from investing in startup businesses with great ideas, are a great resource. The National Venture

Capital Association [www.nvca.org](http://www.nvca.org) lists information on venture capital firms across the country and provides contact information for your state's chapter. Venture capitalists invest millions of dollars often to technology related firms. Also consider "Angel investors" who are wealthy individuals that want to invest in a new business venture. Networking and a bit of research may provide you with a list of contacts.

### Family and Friends.

One of the most common resources for small business start-ups are the people closest to you. While asking your family and friends for a loan or investment in your startup may be uncomfortable, it may be a very wise investment on their part and an economical option for you with lower interest rates. Keep your friends and family loan as professional as possible. Create a business plan, demonstrate how you intend to market, profit, and provide a reasonable estimate of revenue. Resources are available online to help in this process. For example, a third party lending institution such as Circle lending ([www.circlelending.com](http://www.circlelending.com)) can prepare loan documents for family and friends.

### Grants and Government Resources.

Despite the hype you may have seen or heard, there are no government grants for small businesses. However, if your business is a non-profit that helps small businesses then you have options. Additionally, if your business is a non-profit then you can apply for a grant from corporate giving programs, state and federal government and founda-

tions. You must be a 501 (c) 3 status with the IRS (Internal Revenue Service). For more information on these non-profit opportunities visit the Small Business Association website at [www.sba.gov](http://www.sba.gov).

### Online Resources.

Check out potential small business loans online. For example, Prosper.com ([www.prosper.com](http://www.prosper.com)) matches people who need to borrow up to \$25,000 with people who are willing to lend the money for inter-

est rates up to 29 percent. Eloan ([www.eloan.com](http://www.eloan.com)) is another aggregate source of small business loans.

### Social Networking websites.

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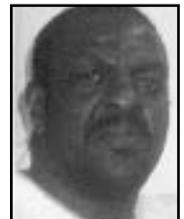


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## Elva & Gunther set to make NY debut alongside Frankie Paul

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Dubbed as the "bringing comedy and music together," Jamaican reggae superstar Frankie Paul will perform "up close and personal." He will be joined by Derrick Auto and Teddy Selasie.

Elva has firmly established herself as Jamaica's only female comedic entertainer. She is best known as a permanent fixture on Fame FM 95 "Full House Friday" and a regular host of the "Crack-Up" monthly comedy series at Backyard in Kingston, Jamaica.

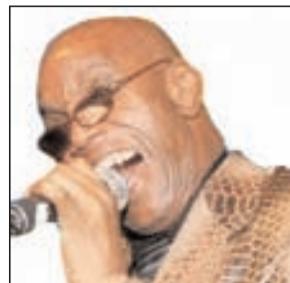
She made her official international debut in June 2005 at Howard University in Washington, DC. Since then, she has created a name in Jamaica as an hilarious MC and an all-round 'fundaciator' who keeps it real and speaks whatever is on her mind."

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### Spice and Barbee for Brooklyn Music Festival

By Ms Raine

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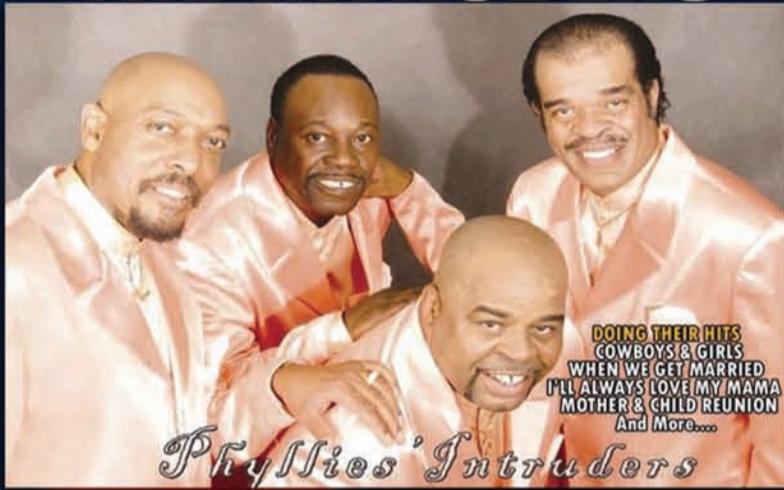
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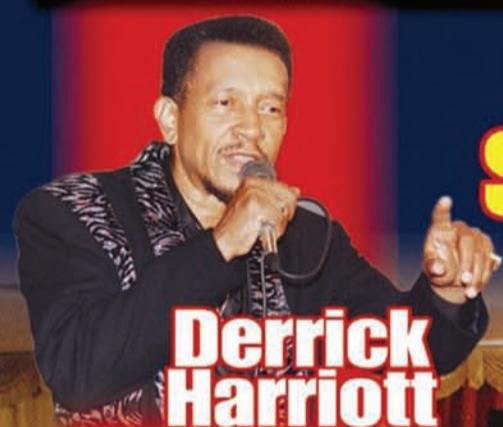
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